

St Luke's Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2020 via Zoom  
7:15

Attendees: Father Ken Halbur, Mary Johnson, Tonya Althaus, Gary Olson, Shani Wahl, Dana Bastian, Brian Werner, Judy Jones, Jen Joensen, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Deacon Matt Halbach and Deacon Don Shannon

Not Present: Jason Richards

Guests: Susan Grebasch and Alex Kramer

The Opening Prayer was led by Father Ken

Congratulations was offered to Fr. Ken! 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination and 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!

May meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Tonya and seconded by Gary

Old Business:

Preparation for mass~

- Phase I week day mass started tonight (70-75 in attendance including about 25 kids)
  - Communion line didn't go as planned, but will improve as time goes on
  - All other aspects of the mass went well
  - Pete is working on a different way for on-line transmission of the mass including using the security cameras
  - On-line mass will be offered possibly to August – as long as the Diocese allows a dispensation for communion
  - Sanitizing spray will be used after mass – Father will ask for volunteers to help
- Phase II – to begin tentatively in 2 weeks to include weekend masses
  - Tentative date June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Chairs will be set up in the gym to seat an extra 200-250 people
  - The church seating limit is 175
    - This will accommodate the usual number of mass attendees
  - Other parishes are doing sign-up or alphabet assignment. Fr. Ken would rather not go this route
- Phase III will tentatively begin in 4 weeks will allow in person meetings
  - The gym will be used instead of conference room in order to increase spacing
  - Zoom option remains available for those who are at high risk/living with high risk people
  - Coffee and rolls may possibly begin in this phase

New Business

- Welcome Committee update
  - All new families have been greeted/welcomed
  - Hoping to have pictures of the new parishioners in the future
  - 707 parish families to date
  - March-May 17 new families
- The Prime Timers
  - Cleaned the church

- Social Concerns Committee has not met this month – no updates to give
- Liturgy Committee
  - o Rosaries on Friday livestreamed and have been well received
  - o They are working on Mass intentions document. The policy is in development for the office staff to use
  - o Once in person mass is offered the parishioners will be dismissed by row at the end of mass
  - o First Communion/Confirmation
    - These sacraments will not be offered until after Phase III, with planning to begin once Phase II begins
- Vacation Bible School – an online program will be offered
- School Summer Camps
  - o The program/classes are still on
  - o The participation is limited to 12 to ensure social distancing measures
- Tri-Council – will be postponed until July
  - o An email summary of parish information will be sent to all members by Fr. Ken this week
- New Council members
  - o The 3 year term for Tonya, Mary, and Gary are ending in August.
  - o Need for new members should be noted in the St Luke's Happenings as well as present Parish Council members should ask members
  - o Interested people should email or send a letter to Father
  - o They will be invited to the August Parish Council meeting to ask questions and the Council will vote on membership
  - o Only requirement is that the person regularly attend mass

#### Fr. Ken's Corner

- Finance: February and March tithing \$37,000 and \$38,000/ April and May \$43,000 and \$42,000
  - o Higher tithes than last year at this time
- An increase in giving is not something experienced by the rest of diocese as our parish is being extremely generous in our time of need
- Annual Diocesan Appeal is about ½ way to our parish goal
- Budgeted \$30,000 to \$40,000 in the red for next year
- Building Committee is moving forward if possible soon
  - o Recent bid is coming in under original estimate
- 5 deacons coming into the diocese this year and by June will be ordained as priests

Next Meeting: July 9th in person with Zoom option at 7:15 in the gym

Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Ken

Motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Tonya and seconded by Gary

Respectfully submitted by Judy Jones